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SUBJECT: US POSITIONS FOR MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE (IPC) APRIL 12-13

REFS: (A) AC/143-A/42
-- (B) USNATO 2692, DTG 151822Z MAR 78

1. US REP TO IPC MEETING SHOULD BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS
PROVIDED BELOW, WHICH ARE KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS PROVIDED
BY REFS A AND B. AGENDA ITEMS INVOLVING REPORTS BY THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND FOR WHICH NO NEW U.S. POSITION
IS REQUIRED ARE NOT INCLUDED.

2. AGENDA ITEM II-DECISIONS TAKEN BY SENIOR COMMITTEE.
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US REP SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION (A) TO SCEPC ACTIONS ON
RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF
SENIOR MILITARY LOGISTICIANS (AC/98-DS/127, PARA IX)
AND ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (NATO MSG DPP/CEPD
(78)173, DTG 221815Z MAR 78), AND (B) TO THE RELATIONSHIP
OF THESE ACTIONS WITH THE CURRENT IPC WORK PROGRAM.

3. AGENDA ITEM III--VITAL BASIC MATERIALS STUDY. IPC INFORMATION STUDY GROUP HAS PUBLISHED A REVISED LIST OF CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS (AC/143-WP/97), AND IS CONTINUING TO REFINE AND CLARIFY THIS DOCUMENT. A PILOT STUDY, DESIGNED TO DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY FOR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF VITAL BASIC MATERIALS, WAS INITIATED IN 1977 (AC/143-WP/95). WORK WILL CONTINUE DURING A STUDY GROUP MEETING (US REP WILL PARTICIPATE) ON APRIL 10-11. US REP SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE STUDY GROUP TO COMPLETE THE PILOT STUDY ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

4. AGENDA ITEM IVB--MAIN DEMANDS ON INDUSTRY IN A CRISIS AND IN THE INITIAL PERIOD OF HOSTILITIES. THE US AND GERMAN CO-RAPPORTEURS INTEND TO REPORT ON PROGRESS AND SEEK IPC APPROVAL OF STUDY PLAN (AC/143-WP/102). STUDY WILL SEEK INITIALLY TO IDENTIFY MAIN DEMANDS ON INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND CIVIL SUPPORT ITEMS WHICH WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON SURVIVAL OF ALLIANCE DURING CRISIS AND EARLY PERIOD OF WAR. INITIAL PERIOD TO BE EXAMINED WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS. US REP SHOULD URGE IPC MEMBERS TO APPROVE THE STUDY PLAN, AND TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT BY ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYTICAL EFFORT.

5. AGENDA ITEM IV C--PBOS STUDY ON COORDINATION OF
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SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR. PBOS HAS REFERRED THIS STUDY TO THE IPC FOR CONSIDERATION. US CONSIDERS (A) THAT THE LACK OF IPC READINESS TO JOIN WITH PBOS IN DEVELOPING THE STUDY IS INAPPROPRIATE, AND (B) THAT THE PROPOSED IPC RECOMMENDATION TO SUBSUME ANY INVESTIGATION OF SHIP REPAIR REQUIREMENTS TO THE PRESENT STUDY OF CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL REQUIREMENTS (AS OUTLINED IN AC/143-WP 101) IS INADEQUATE. THE US REP SHOULD URGE THAT THE IPC TAKE THE POSITION THAT SHIP REPAIR AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SHIPBUILDING ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CURRENT IPC PROGRAM OF WORK, AND ENCOURAGE THE IPC TO SUPPORT ACTIVE COOPERATION WITH THE PBOS IN STUDY OF SHIP REPAIR REQUIREMENTS.

6. AGENDA ITEM V--ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES IN REGARD TO SUPPLIES. NATO MINISTERIAL CEP GUIDANCE PROVIDES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. RELATED WORK PROJECTS ARE CONTAINED IN BOTH IPC AND FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PLANNING COMMITTEES (FAPC) WORK PROGRAMS FOR 1977/78, AND PROJECT IS IN HANDS OF FAPC/IPC JOINT WORKING GROUP (JWG) FOR ACTION. US

CONSIDERS THAT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EEC AND NATO WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRY WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES AND ON VIABILITY OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIES AGENCY (CSA) AS AN EFFECTIVE NATO CIVIL WARTIME AGENCY (NCWA). US REP SHOULD POINT

OUT THAT RECENT EXPERIENCE IN HILEX-8 EMPHASIZES THE URGENT NATURE FOR ACTION ON THIS WORK PROJECT. US REP SHOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE LACK OF PROGRESS BY FAPC/IPC JWG AND URGE EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF THIS TASK.

7. AGENDA ITEM VI--CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND FLEXIBLE NATO SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS. FAPC AND IPC WORK PROGRAMS
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FOR 1977-78 INCLUDE A PROJECT TO DEVELOP THE NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT ROLE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS, AND TO CONSIDER FURTHER FLEXIBLE SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO BRINGING THE CSA INTO OPERATION. FAPC/IPC JWG UNDERTOOK THIS PROJECT. AT JWG'S JULY 1977 MEETING, US SUGGESTED THAT STUDY ADDRESS ROLE OF CONSULTANTS VIS-A-VIS THE CSA CRISIS CONTINGENT, TOGETHER WITH CRISIS CONTINGENT FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, LOCATION, PERSONNEL AND FUNDING. US REP SHOULD POINT OUT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS PROJECT AND THE PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. THE US REP SHOULD PRESS IPC TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN BOTH PROJECTS, AND URGE THAT JWG EXPEDITE ACTION TO COMPLETE THE WORK PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. AGENDA ITEM VIIA--LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CSA. THE PROBLEM OF CSA LIAISON WITH THE DSA HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY BY A WORKING PARTY FROM THE DSA STUDY GROUP AND THE FAPC/IPC JWG. BASIC ISSUE IS ABILITY OF CSA TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON WARTIME SUPPLY PROGRAMS FOR USE IN WARTIME SHIPPING PLANS (OPERATIONS). DISCUSSIONS TO DATE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM: FAPC AND IPC HAVE NOT DEVELOPED EFFECTIVE WARTIME PROGRAMS FOR FOOD AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. AT A JWG MEETING IN LONDON IN OCT 1977, IT WAS DECIDED THAT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EFFECTIVE WARTIME SUPPLY PROGRAMS ARE DEVELOPED, THERE IS MINIMAL VALUE IN CONTINUING TO TRY TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL PROGRESS IS MADE IN THE CURRENT IPC AND FAPC STUDY PROGRAMS. US REP SHOULD SUPPORT THE JWG RECOMMENDATIONS.
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9. AGENDA ITEM VIIC--CSA (WEST) READINESS REPORTS. THE LAST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP (SWG) ON US-HOSTED NCWA'S WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON OCT 20, 1977. US REP SHOULD URGE THAT THE IPC TAKE ACTION ON THE SWG RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVIDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CSA (WEST) AND FOR CONVENING A TECHNICAL TRAINING SEMINAR FOR THE HEADS OF NCWA

COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS.

10. AGENDA ITEM VIII A--HILEX-8. DURING HILEX-8, SEVERAL PROBLEMS WERE NOTED DURING ADDRESSAL OF PHARMACEUTICALS. US REP SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THESE PROBLEMS BE DELINEATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND THAT THE IPC UNDERTAKE AN APPRAISAL OF EMERGENCY SUPPLY PROCEDURES FOR PHARAMCEUTICALS.

11. AGENDA ITEM XI B--1978 PRACTICAL TRAINING EXERCISE- WESTERN BRANCH, CSA. US IS ASSISTING IN DEVELOPING AND CONDUCTING A TRAINING EXERCISE TO BE HELD IN CANADA IN SEPTEMBER 1978. AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED ON EXERCISE FORMAT AND CONTENT. US BELIEVES THAT CSA(W) TRAINING SHOULD USE EXPERIENCE FROM RECENT CSA(E) TRAINING IN DENMARK AND INCLUDE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND SCENARIO WHICH REFLECTS NATO DOCTRINE AND GUIDANCE. US SHOULD EMPHASIZE THIS VIEWPOINT DURING DISCUSSION OF THE TRAINING EXERCISE AND OFFER TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE BY PREPARING SEVERAL PRACTICAL PROBLEMS (INVOLVING INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE).

12. AGENDA ITEM XI--VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE IPC. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE IPC HAS BEEN VACANT FOR OVER ONE YEAR. AT THE LAST IPC MEETING, THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT MR. ROBERTS (UK) TAKE THIS

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POSITION. THIS ACTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO UK AUTHORITIES. THE US REP SHOULD SUPPORT MR. ROBERTS FOR THE POSITION.

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